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### Calendar

Thurs., June 29	Casual Music Jam, Town Hall, 8 pm	Thurs., Aug. 17	Casual Music Jam, Town Hall, 7 pm
Tues., July 4	4th of July activities (see p 3 and poster, p 9)	Fri., Aug. 25	Garrett Park Elementary open house for students/parents to meet teachers, time TBA
Thurs., July 6	Casual Music Jam, Town Hall, 8 pm	Sat., Aug. 26	Annual family crab feast at the pool, TBA
Sat., July 8	GIVES, Penn Place, 9 am–1 pm	Mon., Aug. 28	Start of public school year
Sun., July 9	Grosvenor Market Day at the pool, 12–2 pm; Summer Games, Cambria Park, 4–6 pm	Wed., Aug. 30	Citizens Assoc. mtg., Town Hall, 8 pm
Mon., July 10	Town Council meeting, Town Hall, 8 pm	Mon., Sept. 4	No trash pickup—Labor Day
Fri., July 14	GP Film Society, Town Hall, 8 pm; <i>Trouble in Paradise</i> (see p 5)	Thurs., Sept. 7	Casual Music Jam, Town Hall, 8 pm
Sat., July 15	Large item trash pickup	Fri., Sept. 8	GP Film Society, back to school special film for the whole family, <i>Mad Hot Ballroom</i> ; Town Hall, TBD
Sun., July 16	Summer Games afternoon, Cambria Park, 4–6 pm	Sun., Sept. 10	Pool closes
Tues., July 18	Swimming Pool Assoc. mtg., pool, 7:30	Mon., Sept. 11	Town Council meeting, Town Hall, 8 pm
Thurs., July 20	Casual Music Jam, Town Hall, 8 pm	Tues., Sept. 12	Lunch Bunch, Town Hall, 12:30 pm; <i>Bugle</i> deadline, 3 pm
Sun., July 23	Summer Games afternoon, Cambria Park, 4–6 pm	Sun., Sept. 17	Newcomers Reception, Citizens Assoc., Town Hall, 4–6 pm
Sun., July 30	Summer Games afternoon, Cambria Park, 4–6 pm	Thurs., Sept. 21	Casual Music Jam, Town Hall, 8 pm
Thurs., Aug. 3	Casual Music Jam, Town Hall, 7 pm	Wed., Sept. 27	Citizens Assoc., Town Hall, 8 pm
Sat., Aug. 5	GIVES, Penn Place, 9 am–1 pm		

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# The Isle of Man, Ocean City, and Other Hotspots

As is his June custom, Town Manager Ted Pratt is racing his motorcycle around the Isle of Man, so Laura Krupp stood in for him at the Town Council meeting.

Before we got down to business, two candidates for the House of Delegates, Jim Gilchrist and Laura Farthing, introduced themselves and asked us to check out their Web sites.

Art Heyman began citizens' questions by asking the Council about the Parking Committee Report. "When will their conclusions be posted? How many fewer parking spaces are anticipated? How much are we going to pay for losing these spaces?"

Karol Soltan, the new liaison to that committee, replied that a few outstanding issues remain, so there's no report yet, but when the report is ready, it will be widely circulated. Hans Wegner added that "not all questions raised by the Town were addressed by the consulting engineer. So we need to go back to him."

Jim Cole then pursued the parking issue, distributing a letter from a group of residents who live near Penn Place and who object to losing any parking there. "You're turning that part of Garrett Park into a parking lot if you do this. There are safety issues. Please don't lose any parking places."

The Mayor then reported that on June 25 the annual junket to Ocean City for the meeting of the Maryland Municipal League will take place, and she, Beth Irons, and Peter Benjamin will go. "I don't think I even saw the beach last year," said the Mayor. She also mentioned that Peter Brock is working for the town this summer, and doing a terrific job. Frank, unfortunately, broke his wrist moving azaleas, but he's still able to do this and that while he's mending.

In Town Council reports, Karol Soltan said that the Right-of-Way Committee is making good progress, and will probably have a report ready for the next Council meeting. They are still working on enforcement issues. There are also design standards to work out, and, most important, decisions on how best to inform the residents of the town about the right-of-way itself. One approach, he suggested, would be to give everyone in town a "Citizen's Manual," which would include right-of-way and other information.

Beth Irons, for the Setback Committee, reported that 11307 Rokeby has requested a variance, and this will be on the agenda next month.

The Council then voted almost unanimously to cancel its August meeting (Soltan, for obscure reasons, abstained). You will have to find something else to do that night.

Peter Benjamin then summarized the draft adjusted budget prepared by Ted. I liked this line from it: "The Town continues to enjoy a positive cash flow due to substantial increases in local income taxes and increased local receipts from permit fees and rents."

As Councilmember Benjamin discussed the budget, everyone peered closely up and down its various lines of figures. At one point, Beth Irons asked, "Is there an energy conservation plan in place for Penn Place?" Everyone agreed that there should be.

Suddenly, Peter Benjamin took a cell phone call. He apologized for doing it, but said, "I'm on call for the Red Cross Disaster Action Committee." This made the rest of us feel less important than Peter.

The meeting resumed with a vote on the budget. It passed unanimously. This was immediately followed by another unanimous vote in favor of proclaiming July 2006 Mike Gordon Month.

Before tossing us out because the Council needed to discuss a personnel issue, the Mayor nominated four people to the Historic Preservation Committee, all of whom were approved by the Council. They are Bob Reinhardt, Andy Seferlis, Nancy Schwartz, and Chris Keller.

Margaret Soltan



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GPES

Garrett Park Elementary School has ended the year with ruffles and flourishes. A wonderfully attended retirement party for Cathy Rinzel was held on June 9 at the Town Hall. She and husband John plan on traveling to far-off places, playing more with their grandchildren, and generally spending more time together in New York City. Alison Chase (fourth grade teacher) flew off to the islands to get married and will return next year as Mrs. Russ. Mark Harrigan (kindergarten teacher) will change schools next year. He is going to help open up the new Little Bennett Elementary School.

Fran Reed (administrative secretary) and Leslie Caple (third grade teacher) will be traveling to Brazil with a church group to help rebuild impoverished areas. Dara Feldman (kindergarten teacher) has started her own company, called "The Heart of Education" ([www.heartofeducation.net](http://www.heartofeducation.net)) to work on "Education Reform and the Virtues Project." Most of the rest of the staff seems to be destined to go to the Delaware and Maryland beaches during July and August.

A grand move is planned before August. The teachers' things from the portables will be stashed in the school, the portables should be removed by July 1, and the third and fifth grades will be moved into the new addition by the time school begins in August. Here's hoping the construction is completed on time.

On the last day of school, during an assembly, Mr. Derby promoted everyone to the next grade. Awards were handed out, and the new music scholarship winner, a violinist, was announced. Hind will receive private lessons for a year courtesy of the Ilah Gieser Music Scholarship, sponsored by the Women's Club (see p 4).

Mary Moyer

GIVES

Calling all soup and bread makers! Bowing to popular demand, we are putting together a simple soup and bread cookbook that will be made available to residents and others at a small cost. Soup recipes can be vegetarian or with meat. We hope to work on this over the summer. However, to make this happen we need your recipes. We could also use some helpers as well.

Please send your recipes to Glenda Ingham, Box 258 or to Karen Anderson, Box 129.

Watch for Janet Wegner and Rana Koll-Mandel at the P.O. on Saturday, July 8, from 9 am to 1 pm, for our monthly collection. (Note change in the usual date.) Bonnie Tyler and Dorothy Chrisler will be there on Saturday, August 5.

Thank you for your support and have a happy and safe summer.

The 4th Is Coming

Are you ready? The Fourth of July happenings will be on before you know it. The Fun Run will begin at Penn Place at 8 am. (Is there anyone who can help with registration?) The parade registration will begin at GPES parking lot at 9:45 am. The theme is "toying around—great American toys." Do you have a favorite toy in mind? The parade will step off at 10:30 am (following the prescribed route this year, we hope), ending up at the basketball court at Penn Place. More judges are needed to stand along the parade route and rate the participants. Bring enough cash to buy hot dogs, hamburgers, and drinks, plus put money in the hat to help pay for all the ribbons, band music, and the pig roast in the evening (which should be smelling delightful by the time we get there).

The pool will run its festivities from 1 to 4 pm (you don't have to be a member), and the 18th annual softball game will commence behind GPES at 3 pm. Finally, the pig roast at Penn Place will start at 6 pm (bring your own utensils and side dishes), and you can eat while serenaded by the suave tones of David Meredith and his guitar. This will leave you with enough time to get to the fireworks at Richard Montgomery or Einstein High Schools. In case of rain, *everything is canceled*. Anyone wishing to help, please call Matt Stavish.

Funding Notes

The Citizens Association is still collecting dues for this year. Because of rising costs of materials for the 4th of July festivities, the Town Dinner, Newcomers Reception, and this town newsletter, dues have been raised to \$20 per household, or \$10 per person. Please send a check to Box 456 to get up to date. All residents of Garrett Park belong to the association and reap its benefits whether they pay or not. (We hope you will.)

On a related note, the *Bugle's* banner is still green, courtesy of Thomas and Elaine Kennedy. We thank them for their donation. If anyone wants to help with next year's green banner, please send a check for \$37 to Mary Moyer, Box 98. Thank you.



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## Letter to the Editor

### Bravo

- In praise of
- Riley Smith, foreman
  - Hector Salvador, in the tree
  - Jamie Salvador, helper
  - Edwin Salvador, helper
  - Jim Stull, crane operator

Wood Acres, the firm entrusted with the delicate task of removing a mature red oak tree from a threatening position between two homes, did the job in a most creditable and professional manner. Complicating the process, the crane had to be stabilized on a 20 degree slope.

Witnesses were dazzled with the daring young trapeze artist and his dangling saw and the strong crane that safely carried huge branches to the ground to be transformed into chips and sawdust.

It was a welcome and impressive performance.

Donal McLaughlin and Dave Almy

### Birthday Blast a Great Success

Most of our more than 30 citizens of "80 and Beyond," along with their families and friends, crowded the Town Hall on Saturday afternoon, June 3, for a reception. It was a joyous occasion, with music by John Bennett, dancing led by Trudy Morse, and much self-congratulation.

The Women's Club provided punch, wine, and soft drinks, and the guests provided a varied and plentiful buffet. Donal McLaughlin designed a spectacular cake that he, Juliana Franz, and Susan Alexander contributed.

Mayor Shawaker returned from Ireland with a large birthday candle that read, "You're 80 years young because birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live."

Noted amongst the participants were Norah Payne's daughter Felicity; Lilian Henley's daughter Elizabeth and granddaughter Jessie Amelia; and Barbara Shidler's son Brad, daughter Connie, and grandson Jake from Rhode Island.

## Art at Penn Place

Garrett Park has provided a home for artists, and an inspiration for their work, from the first years of settlement in the 1880s. The show now hanging in the upper lobby at Penn Place illustrates that the relationship between Garrett Park and its artists holds true today. The works in this exhibition are by Garrett Parker Robert LeMar, and many of them are portraits or details of Garrett Park houses or still life arrangements composed of items from his own Montrose Avenue home. The paintings reflect Robert's fascination with light and with strong colors—especially blues and greens.

Robert was raised in Chicago and had a strong interest in art from childhood. After military service, he helped to finance his art education at the Maryland College of Art and Design by drawing portraits on the boardwalk at Ocean City during the summers. His work has been shown in a number of galleries and has been purchased for many private and corporate collections. Many of his works can be found in homes and businesses on the Eastern Shore, another favorite subject of his, and one that is represented in two paintings in the current exhibit. The show will be hanging at Penn Place through July 16.

## 10th Annual Musicale

For the 10th year, Garrett Park's Musicale continues to support our music scholarship. Thanks to the effort of founder Ilah Gieser, all participating musicians, and the audience, the annual musicale on May 14 was again a huge success. We were able to add \$666, including generous donations from the town folks who could not attend. Thank you very much. We will see you next spring at the Town Hall.

The scholarship recipient for 2005 played the trumpet with his teacher Justine Miller at the Musicale. The recipient for 2006 will be taking up the violin this fall. We thank Phil Jehle of GP Elementary School for helping us select the students.

Megumi (Meme) Lincoln

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## Arboretum Notes

In case you missed them while they were in flower this spring, here are some of the arboretum trees we have labeled with permanent aluminum tags for easy identification: chain-flowered redbud, Chinese fringe tree, 'Pink Chimes' snowbell, 'Elizabeth' magnolia, double scarlet English hawthorn, mountain silverbell, dove tree, and double flowering horse chestnut, among others.

Old trees are stately, uniquely shaped with interesting bark patterns, and remain friends to birds and humans for generations, even when disfigured by Pepco and storm damage.

New tree and shrub planting was totally performed by Butch Frost and able helpers with the aid of the new Kubota tractor. With a great deal of planning, expertise, and timing, your Arboretum Committee has added 83 new trees along the town row and parks over the last two years, with only one mortality noted in this group.

Cambria Park and Porcupine Woods are showing new vigor, thanks to recent take-down of some dead trees, removal of bush honeysuckle, English ivy, and other invasives. For example, one Arboretum Committee member recently endorsed and then supervised transplanting of several very large 50-year-old azaleas along the Cambria path.

## Upcoming Films

The Garrett Park Film Society is showing *Trouble in Paradise* on Bastille Day! *Mon dieu!* Is there anything more important in all the world than to get together and celebrate the storming of the Bastille on *quatorze juillet*? And how better to do that than to see a film? And eat and drink!

Join friends and neighbors Friday night, July 14, for a wonderful night of film, food, and drink. The Garrett Park Film Society will be showing *Trouble in Paradise*, a 1932 romantic comedy set in Paris and Venice and directed by Ernst Lubitsch. A pair of jewel thieves/con artists (Herbert Marshall and Miriam Hopkins) plot to rob a rich and beautiful widow (Kay Francis) in this sparkling, elegantly witty film. There is no mistaking this pre-Hays Code film's blithe attitude toward love and sex. Yet it is all style, sophistication, and nonchalance. Roger Ebert described it as "about people who are almost impossibly adult, in that fanciful movie way—so suave, cynical, sophisticated, smooth and sure that a lifetime is hardly long enough to achieve such polish. They glide."

It is *très magnifique* and the film is in English! You don't need to be a *cinéaste* to love this film, but if you are a film buff, you will appreciate "the Lubitsch touch."

*Trouble in Paradise* will be shown at the Town Hall, Friday night, July 14. Dinner and drinks will be offered beginning at 7:15 pm, with the film at 8 pm. There is no charge for members of the Film Society for the movie. Nonmembers may pay \$5 per person or \$10 per family at the door.

And in September, join us for *Mad Hot Ballroom* (2005). Don't miss this sunny, joyful, magical film! You will find this a tremendously entertaining documentary that plays out like a suspenseful comedy. Eleven-year-old New York City public school kids journey into the world of ballroom dancing and reveal pieces of themselves and their world along the way. Told from their candid, often hilarious perspective, the film shows how these kids are transformed from reluctant participants to determined competitors as they learn the merengue, rumba, tango, foxtrot, and swing. The skillful directing of Marilyn Agrelo makes you feel you are the observer and not the camera.

The GPFS "back-to-school" special film is for the whole family (rated PG). The film will be shown on Friday evening, September 8. More information will follow. Be sure to check the Town bulletin board.



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More Graduates

We did some sleuthing, received some more e-mails, and *voilà!* We have uncovered more GP graduates. Here is a more complete list of those for whom congratulations are in order:

High School

Daniel Adams, WJ; received a President’s scholarship at Muhlenburg College, Allentown, PA, and will major in economics and minor in religious studies

Matthew Cassassa, WJ; will attend Montgomery College

Sean May, Good Council; will attend Montgomery College

Sophie Pousson, WJ; will attend the Maryland College of Art

John Reinstra, WJ; will attend Salisbury

Ann Retherford, WJ; will attend UMBC

Rachael Shuck, Holy Cross, magna cum laude; will attend Loyola College, Baltimore (on an academic scholarship), and play Division 1 soccer

Elias Schwartzman, WJ; will attend Oberlin

Amanda Siegel, WJ; Cydney Siegel, WJ; and Nathan Siegel, Whitman; will all attend Indiana University, Bloomington, majoring in business

Zack Williams, WJ; will attend Montgomery College

College

Paul Andrews, BA in government, University of Maryland; will attend Maryland’s School of Public Policy as a graduate student and play lacrosse (he has one more year of eligibility)

Alison Fischman, BA in environmental policy (minors in political science and geography), University of Colorado, Boulder; beginning a 7-month internship in June sponsored by Unilever Corporation; will be assigned to a national park for 13 weeks and to a Congressional committee for 15 weeks working on environmental policy matters

Thomas Lincoln, BA in computer science, College of Wooster

Adam Morse, MA in liberal arts, St. John’s College, Santa Fe

Daniel Rehbehn, theater design, Towson University; currently looking for an internship

Chelsea Reinhardt, BA in international relations (minor in Spanish), Stanford University; will begin working in July as a business analyst for the consulting department of Deloitte in San Francisco

Susanna Wegner, BA in biology, Reed College, Oregon; summer intern with environmental law firm in Portland; fall intern for Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR)

Bugle Takes a Break

The *Bugle* is about to take its summer hiatus (the next issue will appear around September 23), so it seems like the moment to recognize the *Bugle* staff for donating their time to producing this newsletter. Mary Moyer and Carol Davies collect stories and news. Barbara Collier edits and lays out all the news and ads and gets the final file to the printer. Linda Paine, Carol Ballentine, and Jonathan Paul provide graphics support, backup, and proofreading. Marian Green has been in charge of mailing this year, Jane Solomon kept the subscription list up to date, Mary Moyer managed the ads, and reporter extraordinaire Margaret Soltan contributed her inimitable take on the Town Council meetings. Without them, and our wonderful group of folders one Friday a month, this paper would not get to your mailbox. If you would like to join the folding party, please call Mary; it takes place at 2:30 pm in the Town Office on the second Friday after the Town Council meeting. The more hands we have, the less time it takes (no longer than an hour). It’s also a good way to get some of the town news that doesn’t make it into the *Bugle*.

Have a safe and happy summer; we’ll see you in September.



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## Letter from the Mayor

We are entering the days of summer with the town looking great through the efforts of Butch Frost, Frank Breazeale, and our summer assistant, Peter Brock. Many people have told me what a great job they are doing. I hope you tell them how much you appreciate their efforts.

In addition to the usual leisure activities this summer, several things will be happening in town that will affect everyone. We will be starting a professional engineering assessment of our town infrastructure in order to determine a set of priorities for maintaining and developing the town's infrastructure. The study will enable us to know what does or does not need attention, what to do if things need to be fixed, and what it might cost to do so. This will make it possible for much better long-term planning and use of our resources.

Another item that has created a lot of interest in the almost two years since Penn Place reopened is the parking plan for that area of town. Be watching for the Penn Place Parking Committee's report so that you can be informed and be able to make an evaluation of the nature of

the plan and the costs that it will entail. We hope that the committee will be making a detailed report at the July Town Council meeting. Everyone in town will be affected by both the design and costs. Whether it affects where we park or whether the resulting parking plan will have an impact on parking or traffic patterns in your neighborhood, everyone goes to the post office at Penn Place, and everyone will see some impact from the decision the Council makes.

On June 8, Hans Wegner, Peter Benjamin, Donn and Millie Mader, and I attended a reception honoring Mike Gordon for his 24 years representing Garrett Park and Legislative District 17 in the Maryland House of Delegates. At the June Council meeting, the Council unanimously passed a resolution declaring the month of July Mike Gordon Appreciation Month in Garrett Park.

With children now out of school, I hope that everyone will drive a bit slower.

Have a fun and safe summer.

Carolyn Shawaker

## Bugle Notes . . . Sweet and Sour

- ♪ Did you see the filming going on at Penn Place on Tuesday, June 13? It was for TV spots showing the Garrett Park look.
- ♪ Does anyone want bamboo stakes for their garden? Or how about 10 4-foot-long pieces of a telephone pole that was cut up years ago? You can have either by calling Mary Moyer. The bamboo is both cut and uncut, and the telephone pole pieces weigh a ton.
- ♪ Spotted: A beautiful red fox, just hanging out around town. What with the deer and the bunnies, the town is getting to be a regular nature preserve.
- ♪ Peg Winegarten writes: "We spent, including the girls, who really grew up in Garrett Park, what now seems a lifetime there... Of course, I miss GP, but Rochester is not a tremendous (size) city, and the lake (Ontario) and the beautiful Eastman Theater are real pluses."

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# Improving Pedestrian Safety

The Garrett Park Citizen’s Association and interested citizens have been working with the State Highway Administration (SHA) to improve pedestrian safety at the intersection of Strathmore Avenue and Kenilworth Avenue at the school crossing. As currently configured, the light is visible only to traffic traveling east or west on Strathmore Avenue. Vehicles entering the intersection from north or south on Kenilworth Avenue cannot see the light when red. This has resulted in numerous “close calls,” where vehicles on Kenilworth, seeing an opportunity to enter Strathmore since traffic there has stopped, turn into the crosswalk while pedestrians are crossing. This unsafe situation is worsened by the fact that vehicles turning onto Strathmore from Kenilworth have poor visibility and often do not see pedestrians until they are already on Strathmore Avenue close to the crosswalk. In addition, the school crossing guard has found that the placement of the light, which is not in the center of the intersection, makes it difficult to stop traffic where needed to maintain safety.

SHA has proposed changes to the intersection to alleviate these problems. Their proposed solution would place a new set of pedestrian activated traffic signals (eight signal heads total,

two for each direction) on a new mast arm in the center of the intersection, visible from all directions. In addition, “No Turn on Red” and “School Crossing” signs would be placed on the new mast arm at the intersection in all directions to eliminate the possibility of vehicles turning into the crosswalk while pedestrians are crossing. These changes are expected to improve pedestrian safety. SHA plans to make these changes as soon as funding is approved for its FY2007 budget.

The changes are not designed to solve another significant problem: the inability of vehicles to enter Strathmore Avenue from Kenilworth. Many residents have suggested that the state should install a fully operational, 2-way stop light at the intersection. Our understanding is that SHA will not do so because several traffic studies have shown the intersection does not have a sufficiently high volume of traffic to meet the state’s requirements for such a signal. SHA has also insisted in the past that if a fully functional light were installed, a left-turn lane would have to be added to the roadway—an option that the town rejected and is now no longer possible, with the recent completion of the Strathmore Avenue redesign to calm traffic.

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